

[HKO wins at WMO's first international weather apps competition \(with photo\)](#)

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) announced on December 15 that the mobile application "MyObservatory" developed by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) won in the "Public weather forecasts and information – information content" category and earned an honourable mention in the "Specialised apps award – weather warnings" category at the WMO International Weather Apps Awards 2020 (WIWAA).

The WMO is a specialised agency in weather and climate under the United Nations. The WMO WIWAA was organised for the first time in this year to recognise well-designed mobile applications for providing reliable weather and climate information. The competition received more than 110 entries from all over the world.

"MyObservatory" is the official weather mobile application developed by the HKO, and has been downloaded more than 8 million times. "MyObservatory" provides a range of personalised weather information services, including location-based rainfall and lightning forecasts, which provides rainfall and lightning forecasts in users' or designated locations based on artificial intelligence technologies, and the trial "Dr Tin" Chatbot Service, which provides a convenient and interactive means for users to enquire about weather information.

For details of the WIWAA, please refer to the website of the WMO: public.wmo.int/en/media/news/wmo-announces-winners-of-weather-apps-awards-and-calendar-competition.

